

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaaki OKUBO et al.

Application No.: 10/523,685

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Docket No.: 122655

For: EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT APPARATUS

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignees.

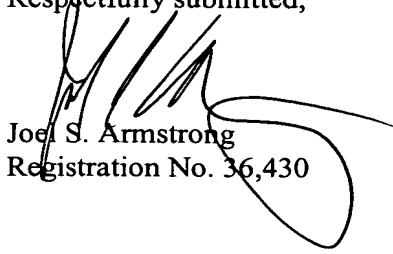
In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NGK INSULATORS, LTD.; Masaaki OKUBO; and Toshiaki YAMAMOTO are together the assignees of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignees.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

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EXHIBIT A

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Takafumi Hochi
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Date

Masaaki Okubo
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ASSIGNMENT

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(1) Masaaki OKUBO (5) _____

(2) Toshiaki YAMAMOTO (6) _____

(3) Shinichi MIWA (7) _____

(4) _____ (8) _____

(9) Insert Name of Assignee

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(9) NGK Insulators, Ltd.,

(10) Masaaki OKUBO and Toshiaki YAMAMOTO

(10) c/o NGK Insulators, Ltd., 2-56, Suda-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya-city, Aichi-prefecture, 467-8530 Japan, and Libest Nakamozu 603, 4-chome, 614-banchi 2, Nakamozu-cho, Sakai-shi, Osaka, 591-8023 Japan, and Fudaitakusha 4-106, 23-banchi, Onoshiba-cho, Sakai-shi, Osaka, 599-8233 Japan

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(11) EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT APPARATUS

(Attorney Docket No. 122655)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(12) Insert Date of Signing of Application

(12) on _____

(13) Alternative Identification for filed applications

(13) U.S. application Serial Number 10/523,685

filed February 3, 2005

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

2) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning any application or continuation or division thereof, or any patent or reissue application based thereon, for the invention, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

4) Each undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

5) Each undersigned authorizes and requests the Director of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application(s) to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements in conflict herewith, and agrees that this assignment is binding on him and his heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives.

6) Each undersigned hereby grants the firm of OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC the power to insert on this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

Date	<u>May 27, 2005</u>	Inventor Signature	<u>Masaaki Okubo</u>	(SEAL)
Date	<u>May 27, 2005</u>	Inventor Signature	<u>Toshiaki Yamamoto</u>	(SEAL)
Date	<u>June 2, 2005</u>	Inventor Signature	<u>Shinichi Miwa</u>	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)

This assignment should preferably be signed before: (a) a Notary Public if within the U.S.A. (b) a U.S. Consul if outside the U.S.A. If neither, then it should be signed before at least two witnesses who also sign here:

Date	_____	Witness	_____
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